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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th March, 2024

Sub: Settlement of arrear electricity charges of Government Departments till dated 31st January, 2024.

No.7027—FIN-WF2-MISC-0093/2022/F.— Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) vide order dated the 22nd December, 2022 has approved the one-time settlement (OTS) scheme which is valid up to dated 21st April, 2023. Accordingly, Finance Department vide Notification No.10142, dated the 30th March, 2023 had settled the arrears claims by the four DISCOMs upto dated 31st January, 2023. Now Energy Department has suggested for settlement of both pre-vesting and post-vesting period outstanding dues centrally total amounting to ₹ 41.49 Crore till 31st January, 2024 pertaining to Government offices.

2. The matter was under active consideration of the Government sometime past. After careful consideration, Government has been pleased to settle the outstanding dues amounting to ₹ 41.49 Crore till 31st January, 2024 pertaining to Government offices.

3. Settlement of Arrear Energy Charges pertaining to Government offices:

DISCOMs wise settlement amount towards outstanding arrear dues of Government Departments upto dated 31st January, 2024 is tabulated below:

DISCOM	Total Claim as on dated 31st January, 2024 (₹ in Crore)
TPCODL	4.66
TPWODL	17.57
TPSODL	14.75
TPNODL	4.51
Total	41.49

4. Principles of settlement of arrear Electricity Charges:

The State Government being a model consumer need to set an example for others in clearance of outstanding dues and timely payment of electricity dues to the DISCOMs. As such, the outstanding electricity charges of Government offices as on dated 31st January, 2024 is to be settled as per the following principles:

- i. All Government Offices will not be required to make any payment towards Arrear Electricity Dues pertaining to the period up to dated 31st January, 2024 which would be settled by the Finance Department.
- ii. If any payment has been made towards arrear electricity dues by any Government office/ Credit adjustment made by TP-DISCOMs regarding bill dispute resolution after dated 31st January, 2024, it is to be adjusted against current electricity dues for the period beginning from dated 1st February, 2024.
- iii. The settlement amount credited to the consumer account should be reflected in their next billing cycle and a certificate to this effect duly certified by Statutory Auditor shall be submitted by TP-DISCOMs to Government.
- iv. Electricity Charges from dated 1st February, 2024 have to be paid by the Government Departments/ Offices in time and rebates be availed wherever admissible. Non-payment of electricity dues in time may lead to disconnection of electricity supply by the DISCOMs. Hence, no opportunity should be given to the DISCOMs to take coercive action through disconnection of power supply in case of default in payment of Electricity Dues for the period from dated 1st February, 2024 onwards which would cause inconvenience to the public.
- v. The outstanding arrears as on dated 31st January, 2024 amounting to ₹ 41.49 Crore which is payable to TP-DISCOMs shall be debitible to Demand No.05-2052-Secretariat General Service-00-EOM-090-Secretariat-0488 Finance Department-78487-One-time Settlement arrear electricity dues in 2023-24 BE.

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